Bihari rioting on railway recruitment issue in the mid November from different social and political organizations, Assam Government, and responsible individuals including M.P.'s;

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government on this issue; and

(c) whether Government have given a serious thought to making reservation in services of different categories of railways for all the States of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SWAMI CHINMAYANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Government had been advised by the Central Government to strengthen the presence of Central Para-Military Forces (CPMF) by redeployment. The State Government was also advised to requisition the Army in places having large concentration of Bihari population for maintenance of Law and order and instilling confidence among the local population. The Central Government had also provided 30 additional Coys of CPMFs to the State.

(c) The Ministry of Railways is following Supreme Court Judgement delivered in 1996, and Department of Personnel and Training Office Memorandum No. 14024/2/26 issued in 1998 as a consequence of Supreme Court judgement for recruitment in Railways.

Interrogation of Hijackers of IC-814

1614. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that C.B.I, sleuths have recently gone to Kandhar in Afghanistan to interrogate the Taliban master minds of the operation IC-814 which was hijacked after it took off from Kathmandu in 1999;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) whether any one of them is proposed to be made a witness in this case and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) A team of two officers of CBI visited Kabul in Afghanistan recently in connection with investigation of the case relating to hijacking of IC-814 in December, 1999.

(b) and (c) Mr. Wakkil Ahmed Mutawakkil the then Foreign Minister of the Taliban regime was examined by CBI officers in Afghanistan.

Request for providing Jammers

†1615. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 'Jammers' is ineffective on 'Reliance India Mobile[1] and such mobiles are constantly operative in jails;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some State Governments have made a request to Government in this regard that such jammers may be provided that could be effective on 'Reliance India Mobile' as well;

(c) if so, the names of States making such requests; and

(d) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) No sir.

(b) No proposal of such jammers has been received from any State Government by the nodal agency in this regard.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

White paper on ISI activities

1616. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hon'ble Home Minister had promised on numerous occasions that Government would issue a White Paper on ISI activities in India;

(b) if so, whether the said paper has since been issued;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.